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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

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Communist China - Indonesia: Peiping's Foreign Minister Chen Yi has called on Djakarta "to conclude speedily an agreement" by which Indonesia would consent to avoid undue delay in the repatriation of Chinese and to provide more help in financing their return. Indonesia is unlikely to agree to an increased financial share in the repatriation process, but it may reduce its harassment of Chinese who intend to repatriate.

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Communist China, [REDACTED] Although the rebels are wary of Communist efforts to infiltrate their movement, they appear impressed by Peiping's potential as a source of funds and materiel as well as of propaganda support. Peiping has openly encouraged Algerian resistance and recently cited the Algerian war as an example of "vital significance to the entire African liberation movement." [REDACTED] (Page 3)

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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

Peiping Asks Djakarta for Formal Agreement on Chinese Repatriation

Peiping's Foreign Minister Chen Yi complained in a letter to Djakarta on 15 March that many Chinese in Indonesia who desire repatriation to the mainland have been subjected to delay in travel and unnecessary restrictions on the amount of money and belongings they may take out of Indonesia. He said he doubted that such difficulties are "intended by the leaders of the Indonesian Government," but he requested the conclusion of a six-point agreement which would include Indonesian compensation for financial losses and provision of "shipping facilities" for the return of Chinese to the mainland.

Chinese Communist Ambassador Huang Chen has apparently been pressing Djakarta privately along these lines. The public request for a formal agreement is probably intended to bring additional pressure on the Indonesian Government and prove to the Chinese in Indonesia that China is still actively engaged in promoting their welfare. Having secured an initial propaganda gain in the repatriation of some 6,000 Chinese, Peiping is probably anxious to have Djakarta share in the cost of further repatriations.

Although Indonesia can be expected to resist the negotiation of a formal agreement on the procedures for repatriation, it may reduce the harassment and speed the departure of returning Chinese.

[redacted] that Communist China had gained a propaganda victory by providing Overseas Chinese with a haven in China when things became difficult for them abroad. [redacted]

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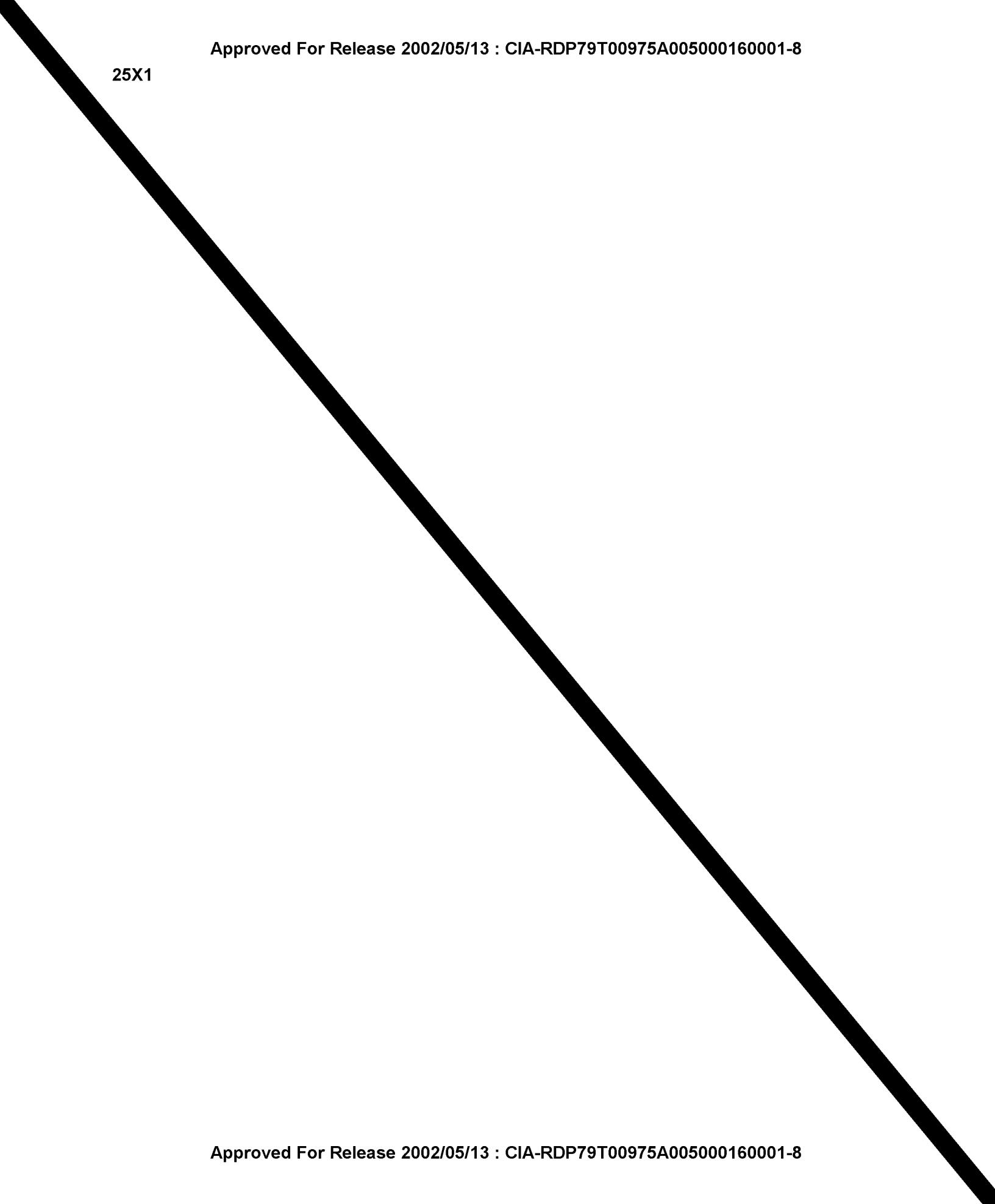
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Algerian Rebel Diplomatic Offensive

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[A campaign by the Algerian rebel government to establish diplomatic missions in friendly countries will include the development of the "closest possible relations" with Communist China, [redacted] Al- though the Algerians are wary of Communist efforts to infiltrate their movement, they appear impressed by Peiping's potential as a source of funds and possibly of materiel.]

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[Communist China will welcome closer contacts with the rebels and probably will attempt to increase Chinese influence among the more extreme elements in the FLN. The Chinese have encouraged continued Algerian resistance and recently cited the Algerian war as an example "of vital significance in the African people's fight for independence." Peiping views this "fight" as a desirable means both for weakening "colonial powers" and for enhancing Communist China's reputation as champion of nationalist independence movements.]

[The rebel "diplomatic offensive" will reportedly emphasize the North African and Islamic character of the Algerian independence movement. The rebels want to demonstrate their willingness to continue the war in the wake of De Gaulle's recent emphasis on pacification, and they appear to view Peiping as a potentially lucrative source of material aid as well as propaganda support. [redacted] has observed that although no substantial arms shipments have reached the rebels from China, despite aid commitments made as long ago as January 1959, Peiping has provided funds and may provide more to compensate for the undelivered arms.]

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[Although the Algerians plan to send a mission to the USSR and are "considering" the appointment of an ambassador there, Moscow is unlikely to change its policy of limiting relations to unofficial contacts.]

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